

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/11/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-14 are allowed over the cited prior art.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, Mogre et al (US 6,122,325) disclose a method and system for detecting and correcting I/Q imbalance in receivers however Mogre et al fail to explicitly teach a method for I/Q mismatch calibration of a receiver having an I/Q correction module which performs $x_{sub.o}[n] = A_{sub.p} \cdot x_{sub.i}[n] + B_{sub.p} \cdot x_{sub.i}^*[n]$ where $x_{sub.i}[n]$ and $x_{sub.o}[n]$ respectively represent the input and output signal of the I/Q correction module, the superscript * refers to a complex conjugate, and $A_{sub.p}$ and $B_{sub.p}$ are correction parameters, comprising the following steps: generating a test signal $x(t)$ containing a single tone waveform with frequency of $(f_{sub.c} + f_{sub.T})$ Hz, where $f_{sub.c}$ and $f_{sub.T}$ are real numbers; applying I/Q demodulation to reduce the central frequency of the test signal $x(t)$ by $f_{sub.c}$ Hz and output a demodulated signal $x_{sub.dem}(t)$; converting the demodulated signal $x_{sub.dem}(t)$ to a digital signal $x_{sub.dem}[n]$; obtaining measures $U_{sub.1}$ and $U_{sub.2}$ of the digital signal $x_{sub.dem}[n]$ where $U_{sub.1}$ and $U_{sub.2}$ are values indicative of the frequency response of $x_{sub.dem}(t)$ at frequency $+f_{sub.T}$ Hz and $-f_{sub.T}$ Hz, respectively; and calculating the set of the correction parameters $A_{sub.p}$ and $B_{sub.p}$ for the I/Q correction module based on the measures $U_{sub.1}$ and $U_{sub.2}$.

In regards to claim 8 Mogre et al disclose a method and system for detecting and correcting I/Q imbalance in receivers however Mogre et al fail to explicitly teach An

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apparatus for I/Q mismatch calibration of a receiver having an I/Q correction module which performs $x_{o[n]} = A_p \cdot x_{i[n]} + B_p \cdot x_{i[n]}^*$ where $x_{i[n]}$ and $x_{o[n]}$ respectively represent the input and output signal of the I/Q correction module, the superscript * refers to a complex conjugate, and A_p and B_p are correction parameters, comprising: a signal generator for generating a test signal $x(t)$ which contains a single tone waveform with frequency of $(f_c + f_T)$ Hz, where f_c and f_T are real numbers; a demodulator for applying I/Q demodulation to reduce the central frequency of the test signal $x(t)$ by f_c Hz and outputting a demodulated signal $x_{dem}(t)$; A/D converters for converting the demodulated signal $x_{dem}(t)$ to a digital signal $x_{dem}[n]$; a dual-tone correlator for obtaining measures U_1 and U_2 of the digital signal $x_{dem}[n]$ output from the I/Q correction module where U_1 and U_2 are values indicative of the frequency response of $x_{dem}(t)$ at frequency $+f_T$ Hz and $-f_T$ Hz, respectively; and a processor for obtaining the set of the correction parameters A_p and B_p according to the measures U_1 and U_2 .

Claims 2-7 are allowed as they depend from allowable claim 1.

Claims 9-14 are allowed as they depend from allowable claim 8.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christian A. Hannon whose telephone number is (571) 272-7385. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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